

Interview Summary	Application No.	Applicant(s)	
	10/762,556	RUMBERGER ET AL.	
	Examiner	Art Unit	
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Date of Interview: 10 October 2006.

Type: a) ☐ Telephonic b) ☐ Video Conference
c) ☒ Personal [copy given to: 1) ☐ applicant 2) ☒ applicant's representative]

Exhibit shown or demonstration conducted: d) ☐ Yes e) ☒ No.
If Yes, brief description: _____.

Claim(s) discussed: 50-95 as proposed (attached).

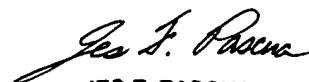
Identification of prior art discussed: of record.

Agreement with respect to the claims f) ☐ was reached. g) ☐ was not reached. h) ☒ N/A.

Substance of Interview including description of the general nature of what was agreed to if an agreement was reached, or any other comments: Discussed proposed independent claims 50 & 72. Proposed claim 50 presents language that addresses added headliner feature and storage compartment partially covering by the sunvisor. Proposed claim 72 presents language that addresses media storage member does not extend from the headliner. Proposed claims appears to define over the applied prior art. Formal submission of the claims will be subject to proper examination.

(A fuller description, if necessary, and a copy of the amendments which the examiner agreed would render the claims allowable, if available, must be attached. Also, where no copy of the amendments that would render the claims allowable is available, a summary thereof must be attached.)

THE FORMAL WRITTEN REPLY TO THE LAST OFFICE ACTION MUST INCLUDE THE SUBSTANCE OF THE INTERVIEW. (See MPEP Section 713.04). If a reply to the last Office action has already been filed, APPLICANT IS GIVEN A NON-EXTENDABLE PERIOD OF THE LONGER OF ONE MONTH OR THIRTY DAYS FROM THIS INTERVIEW DATE, OR THE MAILING DATE OF THIS INTERVIEW SUMMARY FORM, WHICHEVER IS LATER, TO FILE A STATEMENT OF THE SUBSTANCE OF THE INTERVIEW. See Summary of Record of Interview requirements on reverse side or on attached sheet.


JES F. PASCUA
PRIMARY EXAMINER

Examiner Note: You must sign this form unless it is an Attachment to a signed Office action.

Examiner's signature, if required

Summary of Record of Interview Requirements

Manual of Patent Examining Procedure (MPEP), Section 713.04, Substance of Interview Must be Made of Record

A complete written statement as to the substance of any face-to-face, video conference, or telephone interview with regard to an application must be made of record in the application whether or not an agreement with the examiner was reached at the interview.

Title 37 Code of Federal Regulations (CFR) § 1.133 Interviews

Paragraph (b)

In every instance where reconsideration is requested in view of an interview with an examiner, a complete written statement of the reasons presented at the interview as warranting favorable action must be filed by the applicant. An interview does not remove the necessity for reply to Office action as specified in §§ 1.111, 1.135. (35 U.S.C. 132)

37 CFR §1.2 Business to be transacted in writing.

All business with the Patent or Trademark Office should be transacted in writing. The personal attendance of applicants or their attorneys or agents at the Patent and Trademark Office is unnecessary. The action of the Patent and Trademark Office will be based exclusively on the written record in the Office. No attention will be paid to any alleged oral promise, stipulation, or understanding in relation to which there is disagreement or doubt.

The action of the Patent and Trademark Office cannot be based exclusively on the written record in the Office if that record is itself incomplete through the failure to record the substance of interviews.

It is the responsibility of the applicant or the attorney or agent to make the substance of an interview of record in the application file, unless the examiner indicates he or she will do so. It is the examiner's responsibility to see that such a record is made and to correct material inaccuracies which bear directly on the question of patentability.

Examiners must complete an Interview Summary Form for each interview held where a matter of substance has been discussed during the interview by checking the appropriate boxes and filling in the blanks. Discussions regarding only procedural matters, directed solely to restriction requirements for which interview recordation is otherwise provided for in Section 812.01 of the Manual of Patent Examining Procedure, or pointing out typographical errors or unreadable script in Office actions or the like, are excluded from the interview recordation procedures below. Where the substance of an interview is completely recorded in an Examiners Amendment, no separate Interview Summary Record is required.

The Interview Summary Form shall be given an appropriate Paper No., placed in the right hand portion of the file, and listed on the "Contents" section of the file wrapper. In a personal interview, a duplicate of the Form is given to the applicant (or attorney or agent) at the conclusion of the interview. In the case of a telephone or video-conference interview, the copy is mailed to the applicant's correspondence address either with or prior to the next official communication. If additional correspondence from the examiner is not likely before an allowance or if other circumstances dictate, the Form should be mailed promptly after the interview rather than with the next official communication.

The Form provides for recordation of the following information:

- Application Number (Series Code and Serial Number)
- Name of applicant
- Name of examiner
- Date of interview
- Type of interview (telephonic, video-conference, or personal)
- Name of participant(s) (applicant, attorney or agent, examiner, other PTO personnel, etc.)
- An indication whether or not an exhibit was shown or a demonstration conducted
- An identification of the specific prior art discussed
- An indication whether an agreement was reached and if so, a description of the general nature of the agreement (may be by attachment of a copy of amendments or claims agreed as being allowable). Note: Agreement as to allowability is tentative and does not restrict further action by the examiner to the contrary.
- The signature of the examiner who conducted the interview (if Form is not an attachment to a signed Office action)

It is desirable that the examiner orally remind the applicant of his or her obligation to record the substance of the interview of each case. It should be noted, however, that the Interview Summary Form will not normally be considered a complete and proper recordation of the interview unless it includes, or is supplemented by the applicant or the examiner to include, all of the applicable items required below concerning the substance of the interview.

A complete and proper recordation of the substance of any interview should include at least the following applicable items:

- 1) A brief description of the nature of any exhibit shown or any demonstration conducted,
- 2) an identification of the claims discussed,
- 3) an identification of the specific prior art discussed,
- 4) an identification of the principal proposed amendments of a substantive nature discussed, unless these are already described on the Interview Summary Form completed by the Examiner,
- 5) a brief identification of the general thrust of the principal arguments presented to the examiner,
(The identification of arguments need not be lengthy or elaborate. A verbatim or highly detailed description of the arguments is not required. The identification of the arguments is sufficient if the general nature or thrust of the principal arguments made to the examiner can be understood in the context of the application file. Of course, the applicant may desire to emphasize and fully describe those arguments which he or she feels were or might be persuasive to the examiner.)
- 6) a general indication of any other pertinent matters discussed, and
- 7) if appropriate, the general results or outcome of the interview unless already described in the Interview Summary Form completed by the examiner.

Examiners are expected to carefully review the applicant's record of the substance of an interview. If the record is not complete and accurate, the examiner will give the applicant an extendable one month time period to correct the record.

Examiner to Check for Accuracy

If the claims are allowable for other reasons of record, the examiner should send a letter setting forth the examiner's version of the statement attributed to him or her. If the record is complete and accurate, the examiner should place the indication, "Interview Record OK" on the paper recording the substance of the interview along with the date and the examiner's initials.

IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

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AMENDMENT AND REPLY UNDER 37 CFR 1.111

Commissioner for Patents
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Sir:

This communication is responsive to the Non-Final Office Action dated May 5, 2006,
concerning the above-referenced patent application.

Amendments to the Claims are reflected in the listing of claims which begins on page 2 of
this document.

Remarks/Arguments begin on page 10 of this document.

Please amend the application as follows:

Amendments to the Claims:

This listing of claims will replace all prior versions, and listings, of claims in the application:

Listing of Claims:

1 to 49. (Cancelled.)

50. (New) A removable storage compartment arrangement for a vehicle, comprising:

a headliner that defines an interior surface of a passenger compartment;

a base located at a position that is at least partially covered by a sun visor when the sun visor is in a stored position; and

a portable storage member being adapted to releasably engage with the base with a fastener,

wherein the headliner is configured and dimensioned to receive the base within the headliner, and at least a portion of the portable storage member engaged with the base is concealed from view by the sun visor when the sun visor is in the stored position.

51. (New) The removable storage compartment arrangement of claim 50, wherein the portable storage member engaged with the base does not substantially extend into the passenger compartment relative to an inner surface of the headliner.

52. (New) The removable storage compartment arrangement of claim 50, wherein the base includes a recessed central portion and a peripheral edge that extends outwardly from the recessed central portion.

53. (New) The removable storage compartment arrangement of claim 52, wherein the recessed central portion of the base is configured to be recessed relative to a contour of an adjacent portion of an inner surface of the headliner.

54. (New) The removable storage compartment arrangement of claim 53, wherein the peripheral edge of the base is configured to be substantially coplanar with the adjacent portion of the inner surface of the headliner.

55. (New) The removable storage compartment arrangement of claim 53, wherein the portable storage member engaged with the base does not extend appreciably beyond the contour of the adjacent portion of the inner surface of the headliner into the passenger compartment.

56. (New) The removable storage compartment arrangement of claim 50, wherein the base is formed of a durable material.

57. (New) The removable storage compartment arrangement of claim 50, wherein the base is formed of a plastic or polymeric material.

58. (New) The removable storage compartment arrangement of claim 50, wherein the headliner has a recessed portion to receive the base within the headliner.

59. (New) The removable storage compartment arrangement of claim 50, wherein the fastener comprises a magnetic fastener.

60. (New) The removable storage compartment arrangement of claim 50, wherein the fastener comprises a hook and loop type fastener.

61. (New) The removable storage compartment arrangement of claim 50, wherein the fastener comprises an interlocking clip.

62. (New) The removable storage compartment arrangement of claim 50, wherein the fastener comprises a snap.

63. (New) The removable storage compartment arrangement of claim 52, wherein the base includes at least one retaining member that projects beyond one side of the peripheral edge toward an opposite side of the peripheral edge, the retaining member is configured to locate and retain the portable storage member in the base.

64. (New) The removable storage compartment arrangement of claim 63, wherein the fastener is arranged along the opposite side of the peripheral edge.

65. (New) The removable storage compartment arrangement of claim 52, wherein the base includes a c-channel arranged along an interior of the peripheral edge, the c-channel is configured to receive a peripheral edge of the portable storage member.

66. (New) The removable storage compartment arrangement of claim 50, wherein the portable storage member includes at least one media storage slot.

67. (New) The removable storage compartment arrangement of claim 66, wherein the media storage slot is configured to receive a disc shaped media therein.

68. (New) The removable storage compartment arrangement of claim 50, wherein the portable storage member includes a storage pouch.

69. (New) The removable storage compartment arrangement of claim 68, wherein the storage pouch comprises a mesh material.

70. (New) The removable storage compartment arrangement of claim 50, wherein the portable storage member comprises a portable media storage member.

71. (New) The removable storage compartment arrangement of claim 50, wherein the fastener is configured to release by pulling the portable storage member downward.

72. (New) A removable media storage compartment arrangement for a vehicle, comprising:

a headliner having an inner surface that defines an interior surface of a passenger compartment;

a base; and

a portable media storage member being adapted to releasably engage with the base with a fastener,

wherein the headliner is configured and dimensioned to receive the base such that the base is recessed within the headliner and the portable media storage member engaged with the base does not substantially extend into the passenger compartment relative to the inner surface of the headliner.

73. (New) The removable media storage compartment arrangement of claim 72, wherein the base is located in the headliner at a position that is covered by a sun visor when the sun visor is in a stored position, at least a portion of the portable media storage member engaged with the base is concealed from view by the sun visor when the sun visor is in the stored position.

74. (New) The removable media storage compartment arrangement of claim 72, wherein the base includes a cover configured operatively to shield the portable media storage member.

75. (New) The removable media storage compartment arrangement of claim 74, wherein the cover is configured to be operatively moveable between an open position and a closed position about a pivot.

76. (New) The removable media storage compartment arrangement of claim 72, wherein the portable media storage member engaged with the base does not substantially extend into the passenger compartment relative to an inner surface of the headliner.

77. (New) The removable media storage compartment arrangement of claim 72, wherein the base includes a recessed central portion and a peripheral edge that extends outwardly from the recessed central portion.

78. (New) The removable media storage compartment arrangement of claim 77, wherein the recessed central portion of the base is configured to be recessed relative to a contour of an adjacent portion of an inner surface of the headliner.

79. (New) The removable media storage compartment arrangement of claim 78, wherein the peripheral edge of the base is configured to be substantially coplanar with the adjacent portion of the inner surface of the headliner.

80. (New) The removable media storage compartment arrangement of claim 78, wherein the portable media storage member engaged with the base does not extend appreciably beyond the contour of the adjacent portion of the inner surface of the headliner into the passenger compartment.

81. (New) The removable media storage compartment arrangement of claim 72, wherein the base is formed of a durable material.

82. (New) The removable media storage compartment arrangement of claim 72, wherein the base is formed of a plastic or polymeric material.

83. (New) The removable media storage compartment arrangement of claim 72, wherein the headliner has a recessed portion to receive the base within the headliner.
84. (New) The removable media storage compartment arrangement of claim 72, wherein the fastener comprises a magnetic fastener.
85. (New) The removable media storage compartment arrangement of claim 72, wherein the fastener comprises a hook and loop type fastener.
86. (New) The removable media storage compartment arrangement of claim 72, wherein the fastener comprises an interlocking clip.
87. (New) The removable media storage compartment arrangement of claim 72, wherein the fastener comprises a snap.
88. (New) The removable media storage compartment arrangement of claim 77, wherein the base includes at least one retaining member that projects beyond one side of the peripheral edge toward an opposite side of the peripheral edge, the retaining member is configured to locate and retain the portable media storage member in the base.
89. (New) The removable media storage compartment arrangement of claim 88, wherein the fastener is arranged along the opposite side of the peripheral edge.

90. (New) The removable media storage compartment arrangement of claim 77, wherein the base includes a c-channel arranged along an interior of the peripheral edge, the c-channel is configured to receive a peripheral edge of the portable media storage member.

91. (New) The removable media storage compartment arrangement of claim 72, wherein the portable media storage member includes at least one media storage slot.

92. (New) The removable media storage compartment arrangement of claim 91, wherein the media storage slot is configured to receive a disc shaped media therein.

93. (New) The removable media storage compartment arrangement of claim 72, wherein the portable media storage member includes a storage pouch.

94. (New) The removable media storage compartment arrangement of claim 93, wherein the storage pouch comprises a mesh material.

95. (New) The removable storage compartment arrangement of claim 72, wherein the fastener is configured to release by pulling the portable media storage member downward.

REMARKS

Claims 50 to 95 are pending in the application, with claims 50 and 72 being independent.

The applicants appreciate the Examiner's consideration of the information cited by applicants in their January 23, 2004 Information Disclosure Statement.

All of the claims are rejected based on various sub-combinations of Shikler, Drew, Fu, Marcus, Singh, Abeyta, Hironori, Misao, Littlejohn, Sobieski, Miller, Cater, Houseberg, Ness, Belanger, and Masaki. The primary references appear to be Drew, Shikler, and Hironori.

The claims have been amended to further define the invention. Drew, Shikler, and Hironori do not disclose or suggest at least the claimed arrangement of headliner and base in independent claims 50 and 72. (In Hironori, the headliner is item 14.) There are other differences as well, for example, Hironori does not disclose or suggest the claimed releasable engagement.

It is thus submitted that the prior art (including the secondary references) does not disclose or suggest the invention of the new claims.

Applicant believes that the present application is now in condition for allowance. Favorable reconsideration of the application as amended is respectfully requested.

The Examiner is invited to contact the undersigned by telephone if it is felt that a telephone interview would advance the prosecution of the present application.

The Commissioner is hereby authorized to charge any additional fees which may be required regarding this application under 37 C.F.R. §§ 1.16-1.17, or credit any overpayment, to Deposit Account No. 19-0741. Should no proper payment be enclosed herewith, as by a check or credit card payment form being in the wrong amount, unsigned, post-dated, otherwise improper or informal or even entirely missing, the Commissioner is authorized to charge the unpaid amount to Deposit Account No. 19-0741. If any extensions of time are

needed for timely acceptance of papers submitted herewith, Applicant hereby petitions for such extension under 37 C.F.R. §1.136 and authorizes payment of any such extensions fees to Deposit Account No. 19-0741.

Respectfully submitted,

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